

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
CHARLESTON DIVISION**

MICHELLE H., by her next friend,
Tamara Coppinger, *et al.*, individually and
on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

NIKKI HALEY, in her official capacity as
Governor of the State of South Carolina,

SUSAN ALFORD, in her official capacity
as State Director of the South Carolina
Department of Social Services,

Defendants.

C/A No. 2:15-134-RMG

**PLAINTIFFS' CONSENT
TO MEDIATION AND A
LIMITED STAY**

Pursuant to the Court's March 30, 2015 Order (Dkt. No. 21), Plaintiffs are willing to enter into mediation with the objective of seeking a resolution of this dispute through a negotiated settlement.

Given the importance and urgency of the issues at stake for the Named Plaintiffs and all children in foster care, Plaintiffs would agree to a brief initial stay that is limited to 30 days.

In addition and pursuant to Rule 25(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiffs consent to correction of the previous caption.

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